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Sir:

In view of the application filed on April 6, 2006 without the appropriate executed documents, and since Applicant's attorney has not yet received the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," for the above application, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

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